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Sir:

In order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure, the undersigned attorney of record would like to bring the following information to the attention of the examiner:

- 1. On August 6, 2003, the undersigned attorney of record received a letter from Apogent's counsel (copy enclosed) alleging several instruments had been in use at the Mayo Clinic for more than twelve years, and further alleging the instruments constituted prior art with respect to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0039896 A1.
- 2. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0039896 A1 issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,615,763 on September 9, 2003 based on the parent application from which the present application claims priority.
- 3. Apogent's letter failed to include any supporting documentation for the allegations contained therein.

Considered

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